



**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**

TO: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Members

FROM: Thanh Dang, Public Works Planner

DATE: October 3, 2011

RE: Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Meeting Summary for Monday September 26, 2011

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee met on Monday September 26, 2011 at 6:00pm in the Community Development classroom, 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg. Meetings are always open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Members present included: Thomas Jenkins, Charlie Chenault, and Len Van Wyk.

Advisory members, and guests present included: Thanh Dang (Public Works), Drew Williams (Public Works), Adam Fletcher (Planning & Community Dev.), Dan Fadula (Parks & Rec), Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard (EMU/Northend Greenway), Michael Neupauer (citizen), Stancy Hansen (VAIL), Jennifer Hibbert (CSPDC), Steve Tomasi (DR 100), Kristina Redabaugh (JMU SOWK 467 class), Eleni Richmond (JMU SOWK 467 class), Amy Callahan (JMU SOWK 467 class), Haley Bandier (JMU SOWK 467 class), and Richard Lackey (JMU SOWK 467 class).

1. Special Presentation: Valley Associates for Independent Living (VAIL)

Ms. Hansen shared that VAIL is a Center for Independent Living and started as a grassroots organization in the 1970s to help people living with disabilities with housing, transportation, and employment needs. VAIL also offers expertise in disability laws and accessing community based services and funding. VAIL serves Planning District 6 which includes the counties of Rockingham, Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath, and Highland, and the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington, and Buena Vista. There are currently 10 staff members at VAIL and at least 51% of the staff and board of directors are people with disabilities.

Attachment B includes handouts from Stacy about VAIL and Virginia Easy Access.

How individuals can get to their job, recreation and community facilities is important. VAIL had assisted with the design of the brick sidewalks installed for downtown Harrisonburg's streetscape projects. VAIL is also available to provide technical assistance and answer questions about ADA regulations.

2. Rockingham County Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

On behalf of Rhonda Cooper, Planning Director and staff facilitator for the Rockingham County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), Ms. Dang provided an update on the County BAC. In August the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors appointed 9 citizens to the BAC. There are also two Rockingham County staff members, 1 city staff member, and 1 VDOT representative on the BAC. Ms. Dang is the city representative. For the full listing of members, see Attachment B. *Please note that since this meeting, 1 additional member has been added for a total of 10 citizen members.*

The County BAC has met once since their appointment and is ready to start working to improve safety as quickly as possible. Their first project is to develop an "Interim Safety Needs Bike Plan" for the County. They will also assist "Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan", which was discussed in the next agenda item. Coordination between the County BAC and the City Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee is expected as these projects move forward.

The County BAC's next meeting will be on October 24 at 6pm in the County's Community Room, 20 East Gay Street. However, following that meeting the County BAC will have regularly scheduled meetings on the third Thursday of every other month from January to November (same months as the City's Subcommittee).

Ms. Dang also noted that Zenaida Hall who presented for Harrisonburg Tourism at the last Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting is now with Shenandoah Valley Travel Association and also a member of the County BAC.

3. Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Ms. Hibbert introduced herself as the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC)'s Transportation Manager. The CSPDC provides regional planning for transportation, economic development, environment, etc. for Planning District 6 that includes 5 counties, 5 cities, and 11 towns. (<http://www.cspdc.org>)

The CSPDC also provides administrative and staff support for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization. Following the 2000 census, the Harrisonburg area reached a population and population threshold that required the area to create an MPO to coordinate transportation planning between the City of Harrisonburg, portions Rockingham County designated in the MPO area, and the Towns of Dayton, Bridgewater, and Mt. Crawford. Map of the HRMPO area available at: <http://www.hrvampo.org/>.

Being an MPO opens the area to additional streams of federal and state money. The HRMPO also receives funding each year that is matched by locality funds to various planning projects. One of those projects identified by the HRMPO is the creation of a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan for the HRMPO area. Ms. Hibbert noted that while the City has a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, none of the other localities in the MPO area do.

Ms. Dang noted that the HRMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan will not replace the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, but that the HRMPO's plan will reference and build from the City's Plan. Additionally, the Subcommittee could find it necessary to amend the City's Plan after developing the HRMPO Plan.

It will be necessary to coordinate the City's and HRMPO's plan and to identify potential linkages. The City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee will be asked at a later time to become involved in this HRMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan development project. Ms. Hibbert foresees releasing a request for proposal to bring a consultant on board to assist with the development of a plan around January 2012. She estimated that it would take at least 6 months following that RFP release before a consultant is selected, passed through the VDOT pre-award audit, and is hired.

Following questions from the Subcommittee, Ms. Hibbert explained that the HRMPO Plan can only fund planning work within the MPO area. The Rockingham County Board of Supervisors has been approached to consider an entire County Plan, but there is no funding available at this time for a County-wide plan.

Additionally, it was noted that Ms. Dang and Mr. Williams are on the HRMPO's Technical Advisory Committee and that Mr. Chenault is on the HRMPO's Policy Board, and all three will be involved in the development of the HRMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. Questions can be directed to any of them or to Ms. Hibbert.

4. Update for projects under design/construction (see Attachment A)

Ms. Dang reviewed the list of projects in Attachment A.

Mr. Jenkins asked if sharrows will be installed on Carlton Street between East Market Street and Reservoir Street. Ms. Dang answered that sharrows are planned for that section of street, but won't be installed until final curb and gutter work on Carlton Street is completed. Additionally, sharrows are planned to be included on Carlton Street from Country Club Road to Mountain View Drive.

a. Northend Greenway

Mr. Detweiler-Stoddard provided an update on the Northend Greenway. September has been a busy month for the group with many weekend events that they attended to talk to community members and do public outreach. However, no public fundraising has started yet. The group is soliciting large preliminary donor funding first.

The group continues to meet with landowners on stream restoration concepts and Steve Godshall has been brought on board to replace Jakob Zumfelde. The steering committee now includes: Tom Benevento, Carol Lena Miller, Lars Åkerson, Steve Godshall, and Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard.

Northend Greenway steering committee, Public Works staff, and Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee members will schedule a meeting shortly to discuss trail lighting details.

Other Business/ Announcements

5. International Walk to School Week – October 3-7, 2011

Ms. Dang announced that International Walk to School Week is next week, but did not have the schedule with her to share at the time. However, a full list is now available in Attachment D.

6. Ramblewood Fields

Mr. Jenkins inquired about plans for Ramblewood Park and whether there will be a public meeting. Mr. Williams shared that the old city landfill is located under Ramblewood Park. That landfill was closed in the 1950s and now requires additional fill and cover to address environmental concerns. Mr. Fadula added that a plan is being developed and some of the amenities being considered include a dog park, mountain bike trails, disc golf course, and ball fields.

Since the meeting, Ms. Dang has received notice that a Public Meeting for Ramblewood Fields Plan will be held at the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on Monday October 17 at 7pm at Stone Spring Elementary School. Questions about the Plan or this meeting should be directed to Mr. Lee Foerster, Director of Parks & Recreation at (540) 433-9168.

7. List of Bike Contacts

Ms. Dang passed around a list of Bicycle Safety Education & Outreach Contacts (Attachment E). The list includes individuals who she has worked with or who have contacted her with questions about bicycle safety education and outreach. This list is intended to help get people connected with one another.

8. DR 100 Event

Mr. Tomasi presented that the DR 100 bike/run event occurred on September 17. The event raised about half of the funds that they did last year. Last year (2010), DR 100 donated funds to the City for shared lane markings (sharrows), to Rockingham County, and to JMU's Cycle Share Program. He invited the City to provide a list of projects that DR 100 funds from this year's event might go towards.

Given the reduced number of participants in this year's event compared to last year, which might be due to the large number of events occurring in September (there was a bike event or two each weekend of September), Mr. Tomasi asked for the Subcommittee's opinion on moving the DR 100 event to May. He noted that May is National Bike Month and the DR 100 bike ride could be one of many Bike Month events.

9. Intersection Changes at Mason St. & Cantrell Ave.

Mr. Jenkins asked if community feedback has been received on the traffic signal changes at the intersection of Mason Street and Cantrell Avenue, noting that he has received one comment of concern. Mr. Williams stated that comments have been received from residents, most of whom are JMU faculty and staff. (More information on the proposed changes are in July 2011's Subcommittee meeting summary.) This matter is currently being reviewed by the City. City Council and the Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission are aware of and have been reviewing these concerns also.

10. Crossing Main Street in front of Children's Museum

Mr. Jenkins asked if there were plans for a crosswalk from the public parking lot between Clementine Café and Dave's Taverna to Newman Avenue, where the Children's Museum is. Ms. Dang answered that ADA ramps needed and a crosswalk are planned for in the Streetscape Phase 2 project.

11. Sidewalk feedback

Mr. Van Wyk commented that positive feedback has been received for the new sidewalk improvements at the northwest corner of South Main Street and South Avenue. He says it used to be a mud pit there, and with the improvements a lot of people like it.

Next Meeting: November 28 at 6pm in the Community Development Classroom, 409 South Main Street

Adjourned

Attachment A: Update on City Projects under design and construction

For the September 26, Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting:

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- New Shared Lane Markings (sharrows) – as designated in Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
 - UPDATE: Public Works installed sharrows on Park Road between West Dogwood Drive and Birch Drive.
- West Washington Street – reconstruct and add new sidewalks on the north side of West Washington Street between Liberty Street to the Blacks Run bridge close to Main Street. Curb and gutter also to be replaced. This project funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Contract price: \$113,000.
 - UPDATE: Construction of the new sidewalks on the north side of West Washington Street has been completed. Additional work on south side on hold.

PROJECTS UNDER DESIGN/ PLANNING

- Bluestone Trail Phase I – Construct a 10-ft wide shared use path between Port Republic Road at Bluestone Drive to Stone Spring Road across from RMH Wellness Center. Estimated cost: >\$600,000. No funding yet available.
 - UPDATE: Rich Edwards has provided alignment proposal between Port Republic Road to Purcell Park. On August 25, Rich met with Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Valley Conservation Council, The Nature Conservancy, and Pheasant Run representatives at Purcell Park and Pheasant Run properties to discuss proposed alignment. Rich, on behalf of Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, initiated contact with Georges and Thanh will be drafting a letter explaining the project and request. Next meeting with Rich, Public Works, Parks & Rec, and City Engineering staff will be on October 3. Information on proposed alignment is anticipated to be shared with stakeholder groups, like the Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee, between November-January.
- Chicago Avenue/ Mt. Clinton Pike Corridor Study – study focuses on Chicago Avenue from Gay Street to Mt. Clinton Pike, Mt. Clinton Pike from Lincolnshire Drive, just beyond the City line, to Virginia Avenue (VA Route 42), and Park Road and Parkwood Drive where they run through the campus of Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) and Eastern Mennonite High School (EMHS). The corridor study will develop recommendations for traffic, engineering, and land use for the corridor, along with a series of conceptual engineering sketches to initiate further engineering design for future roadway improvements. Public involvement documents and more information at www.ChicagoAvenue.org.
 - UPDATE: Public Works staff presenting project update to City Council on September 27.
- Chicago Avenue/Mt. Clinton Pike Walking Path (Temporary Improvements) - construct and delineate a level, hard-surfaced walking path on the west side of Chicago Avenue from Greystone Street to Mt. Clinton Pike and on Mt. Clinton Pike from Park Road to the Common Grounds shopping center. Construction anticipated to begin 2012.
 - UPDATE: Public Works staff presenting project update to City Council on September 27.

- East Market Street Sidewalk Phase III – Construct a 5-ft wide sidewalk with 3-ft grass strip on south side of East Market Street between University Boulevard and Evelyn Byrd Avenue. Estimated cost: >\$212,000. Funded by VDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program.
 - UPDATE: Project design is completed and plans submitted to VDOT for final review. Construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2012.

- Safe Routes to School: Waterman Elementary School – Sidewalks on west side of Chicago Avenue between 2nd Street and Rockingham Drive, bike lanes on Chicago Avenue between Gay Street and Rockingham Drive, sidewalk on south side of 3rd Street between Collicello Street to Stuart Street, sidewalk on east side of Stuart Street, sidewalks on both sides of Virginia Avenue from about 2nd Street to 5th Street. Estimate cost: >\$500,000. Funded by VDOT SRTS Program and city funds.
 - UPDATE: Engineering design continues by city staff. Request for right-of-way and temporary construction easement donations have begun. Project construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2012.

- Thomas Harrison Middle School shared use path – Construct a path from Wyndham Wood Drive to Thomas Harrison Middle School and West Market Street. This project is in the planning phase and is not yet funded.
 - UPDATE: Bicycle & Pedestrian subcommittee members and Public Works staff continues working on alignment options and discussions with property owners.

- Trail Locator System Signage: City staff from Public Works, Parks & Rec, Fire, Police, Emergency Communications Center, IT, etc. working on a system for emergency locator signage for existing and new trails.
 - UPDATE: Dan Fadula and Rich Edwards will install flexible fiber posts at Rocktown Trails as time permits (may not be until Fall). Fire Department will review location of signs before stickers with emergency information are applied. For other city trails, Thanh to work on developing signage design sample for team review.

ATTACHMENT B: HANDOUTS FROM VALLEY ASSOCIATES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (VAIL)

How is VAIL funded?

VAIL receives grants from the Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide services that will assist individuals with disabilities in remaining as independent as possible.

However, VAIL is primarily funded through reimbursement for services rendered by the Dept. of Rehabilitative Services, the Community Services Board, Dept. for the Blind and Vision Impaired, and the Dept. of Medical Assistance Services (Medicaid).

Unfortunately, this reimbursement is inadequate. VAIL engages in a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year in order to supplement the cost of services. All proceeds from fundraising events and all donations are used to offset the cost of providing services.

How can I contribute?

All donations are fully tax deductible and are greatly appreciated!

In addition, VAIL is always seeking energetic, enthusiastic board members and volunteers.

Simply complete the attached form and mail to the address listed on the back.

Thank you for your support!

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VALLEY
ASSOCIATES FOR
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Promoting self-direction
among people with
disabilities and
removing barriers to
independence in the
community.

Who are we?

VAIL is a Center for Independent Living (CIL). CILs offer expertise in disability laws and accessing community-based services and funding. Most importantly, CILs provide a cross-disability, consumer-directed perspective that promotes choice and self-advocacy. At least 51% of the staff and board of directors are people with disabilities to ensure that people with disabilities play an integral role in shaping the services that impact their lives.

Who are we?

VAIL serves Planning District 6, which includes the following counties & cities:

Rockingham	Harrisonburg
Augusta	Staunton
Rockbridge	Waynesboro
Bath	Lexington
Highland	Buena Vista



What services does VAIL offer?

Advocacy

- People with disabilities learn their rights.
- Workshops and forums for businesses and other organizations on government regulation, disability awareness, and other related topics.
- Advocacy for accessible facilities, services, and opportunities.
- Facilitate group advocacy to improve legislation and disability service systems.

Information & Referral

- Assessment of needs.
- Match resources to needs, such as affordable, accessible housing and assistive technology.
- Maintain a reference library with disability related information.

Peer Mentoring

- Mentors are individuals with a disability who advise others with disabilities.
- People with disabilities learn information about disability related legislation and how to be self-advocates.

Independent Living Skills Training

Persons desiring to live independently can access training in any skill necessary to live in the community, including:

- Financial management
- Meal preparation & grocery shopping
- Household maintenance
- Recreation in the community
- Utilization of public transportation

Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Coordination

- Assist individuals with a developmental disability (autism, cerebral palsy, etc.) in applying for services through this waiver.
- Provide coordination of services for individuals receiving this waiver.

Youth Transition

- Assist students and parents in accessing needed services.
- Provide support through the IEP process.
- Assist youth in accessing appropriate services to meet post-graduation goals.

Personal Assistance Facilitation

- Assist individuals with personal care needs apply for services through the Elderly & Disabled with Consumer-Direction (EDCD) waiver.
- Provide support to individuals receiving the EDCE waiver who use the consumer-directed model.

Technical Assistance

Provide training and information about disability-related legislation and compliance, such as:

- Americans with Disabilities Act
- ADA Accessibility Guidelines
- Fair Housing Act
- The Rehabilitation Act
- Virginia's Medicaid Waivers



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Virginia Easy Access is an on-line resource developed for seniors, adults with disabilities, their caregivers and the providers that support them.

Virginia Easy Access is easy to use and understand and offers helpful information on a variety of topics, public benefits, services and supports that are available across the Commonwealth.

VirginiaNavigator is another exciting feature that includes a provider directory of more than 21,000 providers and services. You can search the directory by topic, zip code, and city/county.

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Virginia Easy Access is your secure and confidential connection to community resources. Some of these resources include:

-  Community Supports
-  Emergency Preparedness
-  Financial Help
-  Housing
-  My Rights: Who Can Help
-  Transportation
-  Veterans
-  Related Links

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ATTACHMENT C: ROCKINGHAM COUNTY LIST OF BICYCLE ADVISORY MEMBERS

Note: This list was updated on September 30, 2011 with one additional member from the list shared at the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS

1. Travis Layman, District 2
Member of Organizational BAC
Bicycles for recreation and transportation
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2. Denise Martin, District 2
Member of Organizational BAC
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Massanutten resident, MPOA Board member, and bicyclist
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ATTACHMENT D: INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Safe Kids of the Central Shenandoah Valley is hosting another series of “Walk This Way” events for International Walk to School Week. They welcome volunteers to participate by walking with students who are walking to school, and with students who are dropped off by the buses to walk around school grounds that morning. If you are interested, you may also be placed at key intersections along walk to school routes to assist students. All walks begin at 8:00am with the exception of Skyline Middle which will begin at 7:00am. If questions, contact Lt. Wanda Willis at (540) 432-7717.

- October 3 Waterman Elem. – Gay St.
- October 4 Mountain View Elem. – Rawley Pike (Across from Belmont Estates)
- October 5 Skyline Middle School – Linda Lane
- October 5 Spotswood Elem. – Mountain View Drive
- October 6 South River Elem. – Grottoes (Lineup will be at Shreckhise Nursery at the intersection of 19th and Forest Ave.)
- October 7 Keister Elem. – Central Ave. side of school near the track.
- October 14 Stone Spring Elem. – students will walk on the track behind the school

ATTACHMENT E: Bicycle Safety Education & Outreach Contacts

Last Updated: September 2011, version 2. Also available at: www.harrisonburgva.gov/bikeped

- **Corporal Daniel Claxton**, Harrisonburg Police Department, Bicycle Patrol Supervisor (?) – interested in doing safety education for university students and Harrisonburg citizens. Can coordinate police officers to participate in community event displays/activities, speaking engagements, etc. Wants to start with education, then warnings to bicyclists violating traffic laws, and eventually no tolerance enforcement.
- **Officer Rachel Hammer**, Harrisonburg Police Department, Community Resource Officer – I actually haven't spoken with Officer Hammer on this yet, but hope to soon! ☺ I also understand that Officer Hammer is Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) certified.
- **Officer Mike Gangloff**, Harrisonburg Police Department, School Resource Officer (?) – Officer Gangloff worked with me on Safe Routes to School grants. I am aware of him organizing or co-organizing Bike Rodeos at city schools, doing safety education in classrooms, etc.
- **Mary-Hope Vass**, Public Information Officer & Crime Analyst, Harrisonburg Police Department, Public Information Officer – assists HPD with general outreach needs. Bicycle safety is just one topic she's working on.
- **Lt. Wanda Willis**, Harrisonburg Fire Department, Fire & Life Safety Specialist AND coordinator for [Safe Kids of the Central Shenandoah Valley](#) – Safe Kids “is a partnership of organizations and agencies and individuals designed to enhance the work that all partners are already involved in to reduce accidental injuries in children”. For the topic of bike safety, Wanda and other partners received grant funds for bike helmet giveaways, she has been the contact for community members who want a free bike helmet, she goes into schools to talk about safety, organizes Walk to School Week at city and county schools, led Summer Safety events that visit different neighborhoods in the City (at this past summer's event, there was a police officer assisting with helmet safety)...
- **Dan Fadula**, Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Department, Recreational Specialist – Dan has facilitated with others continued improvements, maintenance, and new trails at Rocktown Trails at Hillandale Park, this fall he is leading a Youth Mountain Bike class and an Adult Mountain Bike class. He's been my contact for bike related matters in the parks.
- **Thanh Dang**, Harrisonburg Public Works Department, Public Works Planner, also SVBC member – Thanh facilitates the Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee (see below), is project manager for some new sidewalk and bike facility projects (e.g. bike lane installation, new trail and sidewalk design and construction, etc.). Thanh partners with others on displays at events, and worked with others to develop the “[Bike Like Ike](#)” safety campaign that has flyers and bus ads. Thanh is also working towards becoming a [League Certified Instructor](#) with plans to teach Traffic Skills 101 classes, etc. in the community.
- **City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee** – Thanh Dang is the staff facilitator for this committee, there are 5 citizen members, and an email list that has about 100 people signed up. This subcommittee collaborates on a variety of bike related issues assisting with project development and safety education. The group also completed the application that got Harrisonburg's Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community Designation. [More info.](#)
- **Thomas Jenkins** – [Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition](#) (SVBC, local bike club) advocacy committee chair (?), Chairman of the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee, owner of the Shenandoah Bicycle Company, ... - Thomas has facilitated many connections between community members, his shop has partnered with JMU Cycle Share (more info below) to provide maintenance services for the bikes, the shop has been a hub for a lot of bicycle related

information (brochures and handouts, posters, registration for bike events, etc), he is a great conduit between SVBC and other groups/individuals, a very great person to bounce ideas with whether it's on a bike facility project or how to reach out to different citizen groups. He also led the first SVBC bike rack grant.

- **Scott Wootten** – SVBC member, Executive Director of the Massanutten District Boys Scouts of America – Scott has started weekly Youth Mountain Bike Rides at Hillandale Park. Every Thursday meets at 5:30pm. [More info.](#)
- **Rich Harris** – SVBC member, JMU Office of Community Service-Learning, Director, and Rockingham County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) member – he is working with JMU's Institute for Stewardship of the Natural World's Campus Accessibility Committee on a Bicycle Friendly University application. He also expressed interest in collaborating with people to plan bike safety education for freshman in Fall 2012. He is exploring how a group can visit each freshman dorm and do some education and outreach.
- **Lee Eschelman** – JMU Public Safety, Traffic/Transportation Demand Manager – works with other university staff and city contacts on a variety of vehicular traffic, bicycle and pedestrian traffic and safety issues, public transit matters, etc...
- **Mack Moore** – JMU Office of Risk Management, Risk Management Coordinator and JMU ISNW's Campus Accessibility Committee (CAC) co-chair. The CAC reviews transportation, parking and motor pool issues and opportunities at JMU. The group has assisted JMU Cycle Share get started, helped provide feedback on the campus closure, etc.
- **JMU Cycle Share** – this is JMU's Bike Share Program sponsored by JMU Earth Club. *I don't have a contact name and couldn't find any updated information online (both the [facebook](#) page and [webpages](#) are out of date)... does someone have a contact? Can someone also share with me how students are getting information about the program? Thanks!*
- **Tom Benevento** – [New Community Project](#) - I'm not sure if Tom is working on any bike safety education at this time, but his group has done some work in the past including: [One Mile Challenge](#), [North End Greenway](#), and Every Day Bikes. Every Day Bikes is located on the Our Community Place property and refurbishes donated bikes. Folks who need bikes either pay a low cost or volunteer to receive a bike. Tom is also a parent and organized a Bike Train to Thomas Harrison Middle School with other parents – a parent bikes with a group of students from home to school.
- **Jennifer Hibbert** – Transportation Planner, [Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission](#) and staff for [Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization](#). Jennifer also facilitates the HRMPO's Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has received some funding from the HRMPO for bike and pedestrian safety education and has helped fund the purchase of bike helmets, Bike Like Ike campaign flyers and bus ads, rear bike lights, etc. Thanh is also a member of the Subcommittee and HRMPO, so feel free to contact either Jennifer or Thanh if questions.
- **Rockingham County Bicycle Advisory Committee** – This is newly established as of August 2011. The group has 10 citizen members, 1 VDOT rep, 1 City liaison (Thanh Dang), and 2 County Staff members. I believe the group is still working out what they're doing and appears to be focused mostly at this time on planning for new infrastructure. However, there are possibility opportunities to collaborate in the future. **Rhonda Cooper**, Rockingham County Planning & Community Development, Director of Planning is the main point of contact for the group/staff facilitator.

Please send updates to Ms. Thanh Dang at thanhd@harrisonburgva.gov.